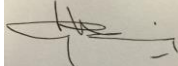


**Enabling the use of global data sources to assess and monitor land degradation at multiple scales
FY18 Project Annual Workplan & Quarterly Report for Q2 (October-December)**

Project Information			
Project Title:	Enabling the use of global data sources to assess and monitor land degradation at multiple scales		
Country(ies):	Global including Kenya, Uganda, Senegal and Tanzania	GEF ID:	9163
GEF Agency(ies):	CI	Duration in Months:	24
Other Executing Partners:	Vital Signs (VS) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Lund University	Start Date (mm/yyyy):	01/2016
GEF Focal Area(s):	Land Degradation	End Date (mm/yyyy):	12/2017
Integrated Approach Pilot:		ProDoc Submission Date:	6/17/2015
Name of Parent Program:		Workplan submission Date:	4/19/2017
Workplan Prepared by:	Vital Signs, NASA, and Lund University	Workplan approval date:	5/26/2017
General comments:	Note that timeline for some activities have been adjusted	CI-GEF Program Managers:	Free de Koning Susana Escudero
		Quarterly Report Submission Date:	1/31/2018
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SECTION I: Project Results Workplan

PROJECT OBJECTIVE:	To provide guidance, methods and a toolbox for assessing and monitoring status and trends of land degradation using remote sensing technology which can be employed to inform land management and investment decisions as well as to improve reporting to the UNCCD and the GEF
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COMPONENT 1:	Methods for assessing and monitoring status and trends in land degradation
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EXPECTED OUTCOMES	PROJECT BASELINE	END OF PROJECT TARGET
Outcome 1.1.: Improved understanding of the accuracy, suitability and trade-offs (e.g. resolution, accessibility, repeatability, sustainability/automation, cost, etc.) of different global datasets for estimating status and trends in land degradation	Current methods do not enable estimation of areas of land degradation or drivers	Improved understanding sufficient to identify data sources and methods that enable estimation of areas of land degradation or drivers
Outcome 1.2.: Agreed-upon method(s) for assessing land degradation suitable for identified end-users	Lack of agreement on method(s) for assessing land degradation suitable for end-users	Methods for assessing land degradation have been developed that are suitable for end users and agreed upon among key stakeholders

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS ¹				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Output 1.1.1: Comparison of different datasets and methods for land degradation completed <i>Expected completion year:</i> Y1	Activity 1: Gather and process climate data from Vital Signs and other external sources. Responsible party(ies): VS									
	Activity 2: Process and verify 1981-2015 AVHRR 8-km NDVI3g & coincident soil moisture data for Senegal, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. Responsible party(ies): NASA									

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	<p>Activity 3: Process and verify 2002-2015 MODIS Aqua & 2000-2015 MODIS 250 m Terra NDVI and coincident soil moisture data for Senegal, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. Evaluate the following soil moisture data sets: NASA’s MERRA-2 1981-2015 soil moisture data; the Hadley Center’s HadISDH soil moisture data set; and NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center’s soil moisture data.</p> <p>Evaluate the following NDVI & other vegetation index data sets with the soil moisture data sets: JRC’s 1-km NDVI data set from 1999-2013 derived from SPOT-Vegetation; ESA’s MERRIS 300-m NDVI data from 2002 to 2012; and the MODIS 250-m “enhanced” vegetation index from 2000-2015.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA</p>									
	<p>Activity 4: Begin and complete NDVI-soil moisture residual trend analyses and error determination by end of third quarter of Year 1 for all NDVI data sets.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA</p>									
	<p>Activity 5a: Process and verify commercial satellite mosaics for priority areas</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA</p>					CA				
	<p>Activity 5b: Verify commercial satellite time series for priority areas.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS (lead)NASA</p>									
	<p>Activity 5c: Process and verify commercial satellite data mosaics for Senegal, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA</p>					CA				

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS ¹				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	<p>Activity 6: Process and verify Landsat time series (using TM and ETM+ data) for Vital Signs landscapes in Uganda and Tanzania for 2000 through 2015</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS (lead), NASA</p>									
	<p>Activity 7: Write report for Output 1.1.1 as outlined in paragraph 57 of ProDoc.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA (lead), VS, Lund</p>									
	<p>Activity 8: Complete peer review of report for Output 1.1.1 and finalize report thereafter.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>									
<p>Output 1.1.2: Evaluation of approaches for incorporating higher-resolution data for disaggregation or targeted analysis completed</p> <p><i>Expected completion year: Y2</i></p>	<p>Activity 1: Stratify Senegal into major vegetation types and identify pilot sites for evaluation of land degradation analysis results.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund (lead), local partners</p>									
	<p>Activity 2: Stratify Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya into major vegetation types and identify pilot sites for evaluation of land degradation analysis results.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): CI (lead), local partners</p>									
	<p>Activity 3: Use time series of commercial satellite imagery at pilot sites to verify land degradation trends identified at coarser resolution.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA (lead), VS, Lund</p>					CA				
	<p>Activity 4: Analyze socioeconomic and biophysical data collected by Vital Signs in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda to verify and contextualize results of land degradation analyses.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS (lead) NASA, local stakeholders</p>					CA				

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	<p>Activity 5: Research and development on disentangling the effects of climate and land use on land degradation at the selected localities.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund</p>					O	CA			Lund has completed this report and the team has reviewed the document. It is being prepared to be sent for design.
	<p>Activity 6: Write report for Output 1.1.2 as outlined in paragraph 63 of ProDoc.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA (lead), VS, Lund</p>					CA				
	<p>Activity 7: Complete peer review of report for Output 1.1.2 and finalize report thereafter.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>					O	CA			Report has been finalized and has been sent for design. VS is additionally preparing a 2-page high-level summary document that will accompany this report, and the output of Activity 5, to highlight the major findings of Output 1.1.2.
<p>Output 1.2.1: Standard methods, including analytical steps and recommended datasets, agreed and presented to major stakeholders, including countries, GEF, UNCCD and their scientific and technical bodies</p> <p><i>Expected completion year:</i> Y2</p>	<p>Activity 1: Document all land degradation satellite data processing and analyses on an ongoing basis</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA</p>									
	<p>Activity 2: Present approach to GEF and STAP in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA, VS</p>									
	<p>Activity 3: Make web-presentations of approach to UNCCD, UNCCD OFPs, and national counterparts identified in start-up phase</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA, VS, Lund</p>									
	<p>Activity 4: Support the national partners in selecting potential organizations and participants, and specific points of contact, for participation in the training and capacity building</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund</p>					CA				

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS ¹				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	<p>Activity 5: Write report for Output 1.2.1 as outlined in paragraph 71 of ProDoc.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA (lead), VS, Lund</p>									
	<p>Activity 6: Complete peer review of report for Output 1.2.1 and finalize report thereafter.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>					CA				
<p>Output 1.2.2: Improvement of the GBI algorithm for the Land degradation focal area for GEF-7 based on better remote sensing/Land Degradation data</p> <p><i>Expected completion year:</i> Y2</p>	<p>Activity 1: Research and development on how to improve the GBI algorithm</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund</p>									
	<p>Activity 2: Benchmark the existing GBI algorithm with improved GBI, and for consistency relative to UNCCD indicators.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund</p>					CA				
	<p>Activity 3: Document the approaches from raw data, data integration to assess land degradation and GBI indices.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund</p>					CA	CA			This activity was completed in a prior quarter.
	<p>Activity 4: Write report for Output 1.2.2 as outlined in paragraph 74 of ProDoc.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund (lead), VS, NASA</p>						CA			In July 2017, Lund produced a report on the land degradation GBI algorithm. The report described a recommended approach to modify the GBI algorithm to better account for the population vulnerable to land degradation, and to take advantage of newly available, and higher spatial resolution, estimates of land degradation. The VS and Lund teams provided the GEF Secretariat with datasets for percent land area degraded by country, in addition to national-level data for the indicators recommended for inclusion in the GBI.

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	<p>Activity 5: Complete peer review of report for Output 1.2.2 and finalize thereafter.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>						CA			The report was reviewed and designed by the Vital Signs team before being submitted to the GEF Secretariat.

COMPONENT 2:	Demonstration of recommended methods and platforms to enable widespread adoption
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EXPECTED OUTCOMES	PROJECT BASELINE	END OF PROJECT TARGET
Outcome 2.1.: Baseline assessment of land degradation in 4 pilot countries (Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda)	Lack of baselines of degradation based on internationally-applicable method(s)	Baselines have been completed for 3 pilot countries and guidance documents have been completed and are available for key stakeholders
Outcome 2.2: Platforms for capacity building and for expanding the use of the data, methods and toolbox to other countries and regions	Lack of platforms to distribute methods and knowledge for estimating degradation	Improved distribution of methods and knowledge through one regional and one global web platform that provide methodological guidance, demonstrations and toolbox.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS ²				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<p>Output 2.1.1: Land degradation baseline produced for in-country evaluation for 4 pilot countries</p> <p>Expected completion year: Y2</p>	<p>Activity 1: Interact with major stakeholders in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda to gather ancillary datasets (at minimum: climate, topography, elevation, population density, and soils) for land degradation assessment</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>									
	<p>Activity 2: Interact with the national partner (CSE) in Senegal to gather ancillary datasets (at minimum: climate, topography, elevation, population density, and soils) for land degradation assessment</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund</p>									

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	<p>Activity 3: Develop common metadata standards in with VS and NASA and build database for pilot countries integrating remote sensing data and ancillary data.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund (lead), NASA, VS</p>					CA				
	<p>Activity 4: Interact with stakeholders to determine most suitable and desirable season for 2015, 2010, 2005, and 2000 Landsat mosaics of each country</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS (lead), Lund</p>									
	<p>Activity 5: Produce Landsat mosaics for 2015, 2010, 2005, and 2000 for all four countries.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>									
	<p>Activity 6: Produce land degradation baseline for 1981 for all four countries.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA (lead), VS, Lund</p>					CA				
	<p>Activity 7: Write report for Output 2.1.1 as outlined in paragraph 93 of ProDoc.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): NASA (lead), VS, Lund</p>					O	CA			The VS team has finalized the baselines reports and has made them available through the VS website. The team has also disseminated the reports to project stakeholders in each country.
	<p>Activity 8: Complete peer review of report for Output 2.1.1 and finalize report thereafter.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>						CA			In addition to reviewing the reports, which include datasets and baselines, in person at project workshops, the team has solicited feedback on the baseline reports from project stakeholders in each country.
<p>Output 2.1.2: Draft guidance documents on methods and toolbox created based on application in four pilot countries (Kenya,</p>	<p>Activity 1: Develop open-source toolbox for implementing land degradation analyses</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS (lead), NASA</p>					CA				
	<p>Activity 2: Develop training material for the effective use of the toolbox.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund</p>					CA				

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS ²				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda) <i>Expected completion year:</i> Y2	Activity 3: Implement improved GBI calculation in the open-source toolbox GIS toolbox Responsible party(ies): Lund					IS	CA			The project implemented both the existing and improved GBI in Google Earth Engine and has supplied the GEF Secretariat with tables of both versions of the GBI.
	Activity 4: Develop policy relevant guidance on how to apply methods and toolbox in the four countries (report for Output 2.1.2 as outlined in paragraph 98 of ProDoc). Responsible party(ies): Lund (lead), VS, NASA					IS	CA			The Lund team has developed guidance on how to apply the methods and the toolbox in the four countries, including a number of case studies describing how to choose the indicators and datasets most appropriate for a particular area. These materials have been distributed to project stakeholders.
Output 2.2.1: Data processing platforms, with data collection protocols, established in regional centers and at global level <i>Expected completion year:</i> Y2	Activity 1: Develop website to access all guidance documents and open-source toolbox for applying methods Responsible party(ies): VS					CA	CA			The toolbox and all guidance materials are linked to both the project's website and the toolbox's website, trends.earth.
	Activity 2: Network with organizations with existing platforms in the region to make project outputs accessible from these existing hubs Responsible party(ies): VS, NASA, Lund					IS	CA			The team has had discussions with WOCAT, RCMRD, UNCCD, and other stakeholders to ensure awareness and access to its products in the region. RCMRD has agreed to host and use training materials from the project in its ongoing programs in the region. WOCAT has distributed information on the project to its stakeholders, and will be inviting them to attend a webinar the project will hold in February.
	Activity 3: Develop platform for data dissemination to support download of raw data for use in toolbox Responsible party(ies): VS					IS	CA			The VS team has implemented a process to support raw data download from Google Earth Engine for use in the project toolbox. This system was successfully used during the two project workshops held thus far. At the request of stakeholders, the team has also added the ability for users to use the toolbox to download raw datasets for use either within the toolbox, or in other existing tools and platforms.

COMPONENT 3:	Gender appropriate capacity development in the application of the toolbox and recommended approaches for estimating status and trends in land degradation using remote sensing
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EXPECTED OUTCOMES	PROJECT BASELINE	END OF PROJECT TARGET
Outcome 3.1.: Strengthened capacity of the 4 pilot countries and regional center in accessing and processing spectral index-related data for estimating status and trends in land degradation	Lack of national capacity to access and process data to estimate degradation	National capacity to access and process data to estimate degradation improved
Outcome 3.2: Enhanced exchange of knowledge among countries and at least one regional center, with equitable participation by women and men, on remote sensing applications for land degradation monitoring	Scarce exchange of knowledge on remote sensing applications for land degradation monitoring	Professional exchanges of key stakeholders from at least four countries completed

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS ³				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Output 3.1.1: Draft gender-sensitive guidance documents and manuals completed, incorporating the GEF, the UNCCD and country feedback, and made available online <i>Expected completion year:</i> Y2	Activity 1: Develop gender appropriate guidance documents and manuals that reflect input and feedback from the GEF, the UNCCD, and the four pilot countries Responsible party(ies): VS (lead), Lund					CA				

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<p>Output 3.2.1: Training and capacity building of 4 national and at least one regional center in Africa, with equitable participation by women and men, on remote sensing methods and manuals developed in the previous stages for land degradation monitoring</p> <p><i>Expected completion year:</i> Y2</p>	<p>Activity 1: Carry out training on how to apply the toolbox to real LD assessments in the four countries</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund (lead), VS, NASA</p>					CA	CA			<p>A training workshop was carried out with representatives from all four pilot countries. The participants provided positive feedback on the project's tools, and continue to be engaged with the tool and documentation the project has produced.</p>

Section II: Project Environmental & Social Safeguards Compliance Workplan

Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)									
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<p>Activity 1: Engage UNCCD national focal points from Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania and Uganda, as well as STAP and ESA representatives in the project inception workshop and agree on best methods for future consultation</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>									
<p>Activity 2: Engage national UNCCD focal points, and national technical experts from the four pilot countries in capacity building workshops, using participatory methods, and solicit input from them in advance and following the workshops through surveys and interviews</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Lund, VS</p>					IS	CA			<p>To expand its reach, the project held three webinars in December (in Spanish, French and English), reaching 31 stakeholders. The project also has been in continuous communication with the UNCCD Science Policy Interface (SPI), External Relations and Policy Advocacy (ERPA) and Global Mechanism units to receive feedback on its tools, and ensure that its outputs are connected to ongoing UNCCD activities. UNCCD has requested the CI take part in a series of 6 workshops on reporting to be held in March – April, 2018.</p> <p>The project also hosted a brownbag presentation for CI all staff and held a capacity building workshop in Cape Town, which was hosted by South African National Biodiversity Institute.</p> <p>The project has conducted surveys at each workshop held thus far to gauge participants experiences with the training, and to gather feedback on its tools.</p>
<p>Activity 3: Disseminate all project data, the toolbox and capacity building materials, and project reports through the project website and through the WOCAT portal</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>					IS	CA			<p>WOCAT has agreed to disseminate information on the project through its website and email listserv, and has invited its stakeholders to participate in a webinar the project will host in February.</p>

<p>Activity 4: Engage the international scientific community through participation and presentations at scientific conferences and we will engage them in formal peer review of the toolbox and reports</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS, NASA, Lund</p>					IS	CA			<p>The project has submitted three abstracts for presentation at the Association of American Geographer’s annual meeting in April. In addition, the project has submitted an abstract for a paper to be included in a special issue of the Journal of Environmental Science and Policy on approaches for mainstreaming Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) at a national level.</p> <p>The project has also launched a new website focused on the toolbox (trends.earth), and has received feedback from several international researchers using its tools (the toolbox now has over 240 registered users).</p>
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Gender Mainstreaming Plan (GMP)

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<p>Activity 1: Prepare and submit for approval, along with the Year 2 Workplan, a document detailing: (1) how gender issues will be effectively incorporated into capacity building guidelines and manuals (Outputs 3.1.1.); and (2) The measures that will be put in place to ensure the equitable participation of women and men in national and regional training workshops (Output 3.1.2.).</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>									
<p>Activity 2: Using Vital Signs socioeconomic data in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, conduct analyses at sub-national scales, to evaluate the extent to which women are impacted by land degradation and to provide insights that will help enable countries to target land improvement activities that will benefit women.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>					CA				
<p>Activity 3: Develop gender appropriate training materials (Output 3.1.1), and ensure that at least 40% of the people trained are women</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>					IS	IS			<p>The project is planning additional training and has asked a gender-balanced group of stakeholders to select participants to attend an upcoming workshop in Nairobi. The project’s gender policy has been explained to those selecting qualified participants.</p>

<p>Activity 4: Monitor gender disaggregated indicators of workshop participants and individuals trained.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS, Lund</p>					IS	IS			The project has continued to monitor gender disaggregated indicators of workshop participation in accordance with the gender mainstreaming plan.
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Accountability and Grievance Mechanisms									
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<p>Activity 1: Set up process for monitoring, addressing and resolving any and all grievances and assign a primary point of contact</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): PSC</p>									
<p>Activity 2: Post instructions on the project web site with the contact information and information regarding the grievance mechanism, including contact information for the PSC members and CI-GEF Project Agency staff</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>									
<p>Activity 3: Primary point of contact will respond to grievances in writing within 15 calendar days of receipt, and will file claims and include in project monitoring and reporting</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): Designated point of contact from activity 1</p>					IS	IS			Project email address is available on the project's website. No grievances have been submitted to date.

Section III: Project Risks Management Workplan

No high or medium risks were identified in the Project Document.

Section IV: Project M&E Workplan

a. Project Inception Workshop										
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Activity 1: Hold inception workshop within the first three months of project start including the project stakeholders Responsible party(ies): VS, NASA, Lund										
Activity 2: Detail the roles, support services and complementary responsibilities of the CI-GEF Project Agency and the Executing Agency at the inception workshop Responsible party(ies): CI-GEF PROJECT AGENCY, VS										

b. Project Inception Workshop Report										
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Activity 1: Produce an inception report documenting all changes and decisions made during the inception workshop to the project planned activities, budget, results framework, and any other key aspects of the project within one month of the inception workshop Responsible party(ies): VS										

c. Project Results Monitoring Plan (Objective, Outcomes and Outputs)										
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Activity 1: Monitor all indicators identified in the Project Results Monitoring Plan Responsible party(ies): VS					IS	IS			The project has tracked the metrics associated with the indicators in the Project Results Monitoring Plan, for both the project objectives and individual components.	
Activity 2: Monitor all indicators identified in the Safeguard Plan throughout the life of the project to assess whether the project has successfully achieved its expected results Responsible party(ies): VS					IS	IS			The project has monitored the indicators identified in the safeguard plan to ensure the project is successfully achieving the results outlined in the SEP, ESP, and Accountability and Grievance Mechanisms.	

d. Focal Area Tracking Tool										
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Activity 1: Complete GEF Focal Area Tracking Tools prior to project start-up Responsible party(ies): VS										
Activity 2: Complete GEF Focal Area Tracking Tools at the time of the terminal evaluation Responsible party(ies): VS						NS				Due to its no cost extension, this project will conclude at the end of FY18Q3. Therefore, completing the GEF Focal Area Tracking Tools will need to occur at a later date.

e. Project Steering Committee Meetings										
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Activity 1: Hold PSC (Project Steering Committee) meetings quarterly via conference call Responsible party(ies): PSC, VS					IS	IS				Due to lack of availability from Steering Committee members, the SC elected to conduct business over email after a brief call on November 17, 2017.
Activity 2: Monitor PSC meetings and report results quarterly Responsible party(ies): VS					IS	IS				The Project Lead provided an email update to the SC on November 20, 2017 to which no additional comments were offered. No official business needed to be voted upon.

f. CI-GEF Project Agency Field Supervision Missions										
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Activity 1: Conduct annual visits to the project and potentially to project field sites based on the agreed schedule in the project's Inception Report/Annual Work Plan to assess first hand project progress Responsible party(ies): CI-GEF										
Activity 2: Prepare Field Visit Report and circulate to the project team and PSC members within one month of the visit. Responsible party(ies): CI-GEF										

g. Quarterly Progress Reporting										
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Activity 1: Submit quarterly progress reports to the CI-GEF Project Agency, including a budget follow-up and requests for disbursement to cover expected quarterly expenditures Responsible party(ies): VS					IS	IS			Quarterly progress report will be submitted to the CI-GEF Project Agency on time.	

h. Annual Project Implementation Report (PIR)										
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Activity 1: Prepare an annual PIR to monitor progress made since project start and in particular for the reporting period (July 1st to June 30th) Responsible party(ies): VS										
Activity 2: Share summary of the report with the Project Steering Committee Responsible party(ies): VS										

i. Project Completion Report										
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Activity 1: Draft a final report at the end of the project Responsible party(ies): VS						NS			Due to its no cost extension, this project will conclude at the end of FY18Q3. Therefore, completing this activity will need to occur at a later date.	

j. Independent Terminal Evaluation

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<p>Activity 1: Conduct an independent Terminal Evaluation within six months after project completion and in accordance with CI-GEF Project Agency and GEF guidance. The terminal evaluation will focus on the delivery of the project’s results as initially planned (and as corrected, if any such correction took place).</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): CI-GEF</p>						NS			Due to its no cost extension, this project will conclude at the end of FY18Q3. Therefore, completing this activity will need to occur at a later date.
<p>Activity 2: Provide a formal management answer to the findings and recommendations of the terminal evaluation</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>						NS			Due to its no cost extension, this project will conclude at the end of FY18Q3. Therefore, completing this activity will need to occur at a later date.

k. Lessons Learned & Knowledge Generation									
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<p>Activity 1: Disseminate results within and beyond the four pilot countries through existing information sharing networks and fora. The project will identify and participate, as relevant and appropriate, in scientific, policy-based and/or any other networks, which may be of benefit to project implementation through lessons learned.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS, Lund, NASA</p>					IS	CA			<p>The project has participated in the review process for the UNCCD-recommended indicators for assessing land degradation, and has also communicated with WOCAT to identify how the tool can contribute to the WOCAT database.</p> <p>WOCAT has disseminated information on the project to its stakeholders, and will publicize a webinar on the project to be held in February.</p> <p>The project also has been communicating with the Regional Center for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) in Nairobi, which has agreed to host a workshop in January, and also to facilitate sharing of project outputs with member countries.</p> <p>To better reach the scientific community, the project has submitted abstracts to an upcoming scientific meeting (American Association of Geographers) in April, and also to a special journal issue in collaboration with WOCAT.</p>
<p>Activity 2: Identify, analyze, and share lessons learned that might be beneficial in the design and implementation of similar future projects. There will be a two-way flow of information between this project and other projects of a similar focus.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS</p>					IS	CA			<p>The project has communicated lessons learned with the CI-GEF project agency and GEF Secretariat, to enable both to better plan and implement data intensive projects in the future.</p> <p>The project has also sought collaborations with similar existing projects through the GEF and the UNCCD. In January a project team member will attend the implementation workshop in Nairobi of a related land degradation project implemented by IUCN, at the recommendation of the UNCCD.</p>

I. Financial Statement Audit

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE				PROGRESS STATUS				PROGRESS STATUS JUSTIFICATION
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<p>Activity 1: Annual Financial reports submitted by the executing Agency will be audited annually by external auditors appointed by the Executing Agency.</p> <p>Responsible party(ies): VS, CI-GEF, External Auditors</p>									